

Scuttlebutt
October, 2023

Branch/Unit 269
Goose Creek
South Carolina



National website: [Fleet Reserve association.org](http://fleetreserveassociation.org)

<http://facebook.com/groups/trabranh269>

Southeast region: frasoutheastregion.org

Branch 269 website: fra269gc.org

Branch President's Corner

Shipmates

September proved to be a very busy and rewarding month, We had the honor of presenting Life and 50 year membership awards to 101 year old WWII Veteran James Giordana. Congratulations James.

We attended the SE Region convention in Pensacola Fl with the following results.

American-Patriotism: Chair-Laurie Bailey

1st place

Shipmate of the year Laurie Bailey

Public Relations Chair John Tharp

1st place

Youth Activities Chair Don Barton

1st place

Health, Welfare Chair Bobbi Sutton

2nd Place

FRA Southeast President-Carl Kirtley(Branch 22)

FRA Southeast Vice Pres- JJ Thomas (Branch 210)

We enjoyed a well attended Labor Day Indoor picnic as well as a branch/unit picnic at Marrington Plantation Sep 23. Well done Glenn Little.

NC Laurie Bailey will represent Branch 269 at the FRA National convention in Reno Nevada.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service

Ken Hutchison

BRANCH OFFICERS

President – Kenneth Hutchison Vice-President - Donald Barton
Treasurer - PNP Don Muecheck Secretary - John Tharp
Jr. Past President – Harry Nettles

BRANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NC Laurie Bailey	PRPSE Fred Bolz	Tim Bailey
Cindy Bryan	Skip Chilton	Ron Lamon
Tom Lawson	Glenn Little	William Maloon
Larry Pepper	Bobbi Sutton	Ken Wallace

Chaplain- Bobbi Sutton Legislative Affairs – PRPSE Fred Bolz

Parliamentarian – PNP Don Muecheck Historian - Mike Sparks
By-Laws – PNP Don Muecheck Youth Activities –Donald Barton
Master-at-Arms-Glenn Little Ways and Means – Larry Pepper
PRelations – John Tharp Essay Contest – NC Laurie Bailey
Membership – Cindy Bryan Amer/Pat –NC Laurie Bailey
WEB Master –NC Laurie Bailey

LOW COUNTRY HOME, INC.

99 Wisteria Road - (843) 569-2692

Home Chairman – Ken Wallace

Admin Secretary-Bobbi Sutton	Financial Sec- Cindy Bryan
Director – Ken Ealy	Director –NC Laurie Bailey
Director - Linda Cox	Director – Tim Bailey
Director – John Tharp	Director – Trish Chilton
Director – Marilyn Tharp	Director –

Home Manager – PNP Don Muecheck and Larry Pepper

Hours of Operation

Mon-Thur 1000-2200 Fri 1000-2400

Sat 1000- 2400 Sun 1000 – 2000

LAFRA UNIT 269

UNIT OFFICERS

President – PRPSE Gail Bolz Treasurer PRPSE Gale Nathan
Secretary Yvonne Wallace Vice President – Trish Chilton
Jr Past President Anne Barton
NFS, Jr. PNP Pat Suckow Theresa Milligan
Kathy Sorenson Linda Cox
Ann Griffith Debbie Breeze
Marilyn Tharp

LAFRA UNIT 269

Appointees & Committee Chairs

Chaplain – Theresa Milligan	Amer/Pat – Ann Griffith
Sergeant-at-Arms	VAVS – Theresa Milligan
Kathy Sorenson	Anne Barton
Welfare/Rehab –Trish Chilton	Ship's Store -Trish Chilton
Publicity – Anne Barton	Hospital – Theresa Milligan
Parliamentarian – Linda Cox	Membership – Trish Chilton
Youth Activities—Anne Barton	Unit Activities -- All Members

Madam President Tidbits

Hi Auxiliary Members,

To all members Happy October Birthday and Anniversaries!!!!!!

Welcome Sadie Pittman, Unit 269 New Member, who was initiated at our September meeting!!!!!!

Upcoming events:

October 7th, 2023: Golf Tournament

October 17, 2023: Unit Luncheon will be at the Logan Steak house, in Summerville, at 11:30 am.

October 28, 2023: Cooking Dinner at the Fisher House

October 29, 2023: Bunco, celebrating Halloween, please come in costume and bring a finger food to share.

November 4, 2023: Inside Garage Sale which has been changed from October 14, 2023. Please contact Dee Wallace for more information on all events:

There has been a contribution to the Back-Pack Buddies Program. Please give freely to the large box in the Bar Area. Individual Serving, Pop-top canned goods, and fruit cups, Pop Tarts are just some of the items needed for this worthy cause.

Our Next Unit Meeting will be on October 17, at 6:00pm. Hope to see you all there!

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service,
PRPSE Gail Bolz, Unit President

WEEKLY DRAWING AT THE HOME

Names drawn lately: 9/05 – Jennifer Beilstein, not signed; 9/12 – Jon Simmons, not signed; 9/19, Lynette Jordan, not signed

You must be a member of the Branch or Unit in good standing and you must be signed in the log. You can sign up until 1800 hours, on the day of the drawing. The drawing is held every Tuesday night at 2030 hours.

BRANCH MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New or Reinstated Members – 5

Transferred into Low Country Branch 269 – 1

Transferred from Branch 269 – 0

Ready to renew – 9

Members past due – 12

Suspended members - 4

Transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander - 5

Total members: 805

Membership/Retention: Ken Wallace

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New Join: Roger Little Jr., George Miller, Jeri Larson, Scott Cook, Kevin Deise

Ready to Renew: George Durity, Charles McAhon, William Ribbeck, Donald Rickert, John Rooney, Joseph Shea, Michael Sosa, Frederick Wilson, Jim Wilson

Past Due: Donovan Bennett, Robin Buell, Richard Carlson, Jay Duncan, Johnny Ellis Jr., Patricia Gallagher, George Hamaaker, Don Heath, Michael Leclair, Richard Muecheck, Ralph Rohrsen, Nytasja Sanders

Suspended: Erick Collins, Allen Downs, Marvin Meistrell, Lance Rabon, Robert Shurling, Elliott Stamey, Ralph Utermark, Julian Villega

Unit Membership and Retention

To be Renewed by October 31,2023: Yvonne Aquilera; Nancy Bullis; Elfriede Campbell; Angela Clark; George Ellison; Holly Gordon; Patricia Martin; Shirley McDonald; Elizabeth Mullins; Ann O'Brien; Martha Pyatt.

Past Due 30 days: Carol Eustace; Dawn Gallapis.

Past Due 60 Days: Deborah Bacur; Darlene Beck; Margaret Henshall; James Tennes; Theresa White

Past Due 90 Days: None

Suspended: None

BRANCH & UNIT CHAPLAIN'S PEW

Prayers for the families of: MRC Charles Campbell, ETCS Ronald Hacker, ETC Darrel Mckeown, BM1 William Petersen, AKC James Kennedy

Shipmates or Unit members please contact
Branch Chaplain Bobbi Sutton @ 843-879-9473
Unit Chaplain Theresa Milligan @ 843-535-2757

BRANCH TREASURER'S REPORT

Operations	\$ 7,547.78
Savings	\$ 4,668.26
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 11,072.88
Total	\$ 23,288.86

Branch 269 Continuous Membership October, 2023

John Lemieux (56)	Richard Roebuck (23)	Melvin Harper (16)	Ronnie Kerstetter (11)
Clyde Edington (53)	Jeffrey Muniz (22)	John Newby (16)	Jeffrey Elliott (10)
John Potter (53)	Kenneth Pilcher (21)	Richard Nolan (16)	John Lambert (10)
Rocco Losito (49)	Carey Baxley Jr. (20)	D J Nyhart (16)	Mark Tompkins (10)
Kenneth Wallace (49)	Roberta Sutton (18)	Brandon Pruett (16)	Richard Herndon(8)
Earnest Hall (49)	Ken Anderson (12)	Guy Travaglio (16)	William Pye Jr (8)
John Parnell (48)	Bruce Bailey (12)	William Campbell (15)	Edward Stover (8)
Joseph Glavan (45)	Mitchell McCain Jr. (19)	James Fleming (15)	Larry Turner (8)
Robert Beilstein (43)	Timothy Bailey (18)	Ed Young (15)	Garry Radwick (7)
Gerald Frasier (43)	Terrell Heath (18)	Roger Gibson (14)	Lowell Mills (6)
Marvin Brigman (38)	Stephen Jackson (18)	Kim Hamilton (14)	David Karrick (5)
Alan Dempster (37)	James Finney (17)	Robert Jett (14)	Frank Hixenbaugh (4)
John Paul (30)	James Gregory (17)	James Nelson (14)	Julian Czeiszperger (4)
Don Pace (28)	William Hunter (17)	Daniel Wall (14)	Thomas Driscoll (2)
Oscar Diano (24)	Brian Masterson (17)	Darryl Watson (14)	Jason Tatge (2)
Betty Hilliard (23)	Robert Mastriion (17)	Wendy Holman (13)	Jonathan Starry (1)
William Jenkins (23)	Leonard Monnig (17)	David Clemmons (12)	Robert Warder (1)
Charles Rein (23)	Phillip Nunnally (17)		

Unit 269 Continuous Membership October, 2023

Linda Brinson (54)	Beulah Wenzel (44)	Nancy Sandler (33)	Dorothy Nephew (30)
Betty Harris (50)	Barbara Timmons (43)	Linda Harris (32)	Brenda Hiers (25)
Neta Fewox (50)	Marie Luttrell (41)	Wanda Seay (31)	Carol Bailey (25)
Joan Acosta (49)	Barbara Moyer (36)		
Gloria Allen (46)			



New member Jeri Larson was initiated into Branch 269

Welcome Aboard !!!!!

YOUR BIRTHDAY IS IN OCTOBER - 2023

If you are a Branch 269 or Unit 269 member, come on in to the Low Country Home **on your birthday** for a

FREE BIRTHDAY LUNCH

Brendan Goff (1)	Charles Walker (8)	Fred Lentz (13)	James Bellemare (23)
Mark Heck (1)	Richard Dougherty (9)	Brian Marrale (13)	Loretta Dailey (23)
Sandra Rader (1)	Ernest Holt (9)	Robert Clements (14)	James Ezzell Sr. (24)
William Roup (1)	Stephen Schultz (9)	James McCutcheon (14)	Orlando Maningding (24)
Robert Jett (2)	Joseph VonBrincken (9)	Dwayne Ashline (15)	Gary Gander (26)
Robert Traynor (2)	Ken Anderson (10)	Hilton Hooks (15)	Ralph Rohrsen (26)
Shannon Cason (3)	Dennis Lambries (10)	John Casner Jr. (16)	Llewellyn Brennen (28)
Verne Merrill (3)	Thomas Lindberg (10)	Craig Wold (16)	Charles McAhon (28)
Joseph Dick (4)	Mark Chapman (11)	Lindsay Nelson (18)	William Hall (28)
Betty Sue Henderson (4)	William Cole (11)	John Aguilera Jr. (19)	Robert Koscianski (28)
David Markyvech (5)	Charles Hines (11)	Norris Nathan (19)	Dennis Hazel (29)
William Butler (6)	Maria Luisa Gulick (12)	Dennis Turner (19)	Winfield Meadows Jr. (29)
Brian Koller (6)	Lonnie Kenney (12)	Leonard Chilton (20)	George Miller (29)
Brian Masterson (6)	Brian Kopczynski (12)	Ronnie Jones (20)	Dennis Green (30)
Amanda Reid (6)	John Lookabill (12)	Lee Barkley (21)	Margaret Henshall (30)
Arthur Pittman (8)	Earnest Hall (13)	Joseph Wiehl (22)	Cubit Robinson (31)

From the Branch Secretary:

tharpj@sc.rr.com or (843-709-8520)

Branch/Unit 269 now has a website (fra269gc.org)!!!!!!

The Branch/Unit now has a website. Please look at this site to get current and past newsletters and upcoming events

The Branch has monthly meetings. Please attend if you can so you can be aware of upcoming events. Next is October 19, 2023 at 1900.

If you are receiving a printed copy of the newsletter please let me know if you have to continue with the printed copy instead of using the website. Using the website you can access all the upcoming events and newsletters as soon as they published.



Left: PNP Don Muccheck awarded NC Laurie Bailey a certificate for being the Shipmate of the Year for Americanism/Patriotism for Southeast Region.

Right: NC Laurie Bailey awards the Branch a Certificate of Appreciation for 1st place in Americanism/Patriotism



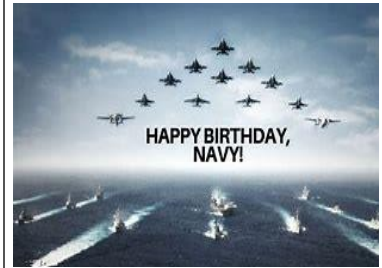
James Giordano (101 years old) was awarded his life time membership and 50 year membership pin by PNP Don Muccheck

Congratulations to one of our oldest members!



Happy 248th Birthday U. S. Navy

Come on out on Friday, October 13th at 1800 to help us celebrate the Navy birthday with your Shipmates with a cake cutting





Happy Bosses Day.
Everyone has a boss
I am retired but still have one boss



Home Committee Input

Cash Audit as of 15 September 2023 as follows: Checkbook balance \$18,327.05, Credit Card account \$10,567.97; Savings account \$6,428.01; there is \$1,067.00 in pending checks. Total cash on-hand \$47,140.03.

Financial Audit as of 31 August 2023 reflected the following balances: cash on-hand \$235.63; Checking Account \$12,206.64; Savings Account \$6,426.92; and Credit Card account \$12,494.01. Net profit for the month of August was (LOSS) (\$4,465.1).

Building and Grounds/Special Events Manager's report: S/M Tim Bailey reports all air conditioners are working; heating portion of kitchen A/C unit needs repair but impact is negligible.

Labor Day Indoor Picnic at the home was well attended, but the outdoor picnic on 23 September was less attended than expected.

Veterans Day Celebration will include an indoor picnic at the Home on Saturday, 11 November 2023 beginning at 1200; BBQ, Baked Beans, rice, Mac-N-Cheese plus dessert. More details will be passed along closer to Veterans Day.

Golf tournament (last of the year) on 7 October 2023, 0800 till noon; awards and meal following at the Home.

Christmas Party currently planned for 14 December. Watch for further details as we get closer to Christmas.

Membership and Security: S/M John Tharp reported five new members although Headquarters reported a net active members holding at 805.

Old/New Business: We were asked to bring a list of improvements (cleaning, repairs, painting, etc.) to be completed before convention next year. Exterior cleaning, repairs, and painting: replace all rotted wood items, rework window lattices (replace and paint); clean out gutters; clean and paint front entrance.

Inside: replace ceiling tiles especially soiled ones; install chair rail in the Banquet room, and repaint the walls. Clean and/or replace floor tiles and carpet in Banquet room. Repaint walls in Bar room and look into reducing amount of plaques hanging on the wall.





One final reminder, if you bring a Non-Member to Home, please remember to sign them into the Guest Log.

Ken Wallace, Home Committee Chairman.

Mark your calendar, watch for
 details, watch for additions

Friday nights – 1930 hrs – Scotch Doubles, 8-ball Tournament

October, 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Sons of the Confederacy 1830	4	5 SubVet Eboard meeting	6	7
8 Free Pool	9 Columbus Day	10	11	12 SubVet mtg 	13 Happy 248th Birthday U S Navy	14 DAV Meeting 1000
15 Free Pool	16 Home Committee 1800	17 Unit Meeting 1800	18 Purple Heart Meeting 1900	19 Branch mtg 	20	21
22 Free Pool	23	24	25	26 MCL Mtg 	27	28
29 Free Pool	30 VVA Mtg 1730 	31 Sojourners Meeting 1900				

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The Branch now has a website:::
fra269gc.org
With this website you can get the newsletter by the end of the month
instead of waiting for the printed copy which is sent after the first of
the month.